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TRANSMISSION BUSINESS LINE

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In reply refer to: KEC-4

### **To: People Interested in the Kangley-Echo Lake Transmission Line Project**

The purpose of this letter is to update you on the re-evaluation of the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) proposed new 500-kilovolt (kV) transmission line in the Puget Sound area. Two weeks ago, we sent you information that described the alternatives being considered.

The proposed route for Alternative A has been expanded (see map). BPA would now construct a new single-circuit 500-kV line from a tap along the Schultz-Raver No. 2 line near Kangley to BPA's Covington Substation. BPA would rebuild a portion of the existing Covington-Maple Valley single-circuit 230-kV transmission line with a double-circuit 500-kV line, operating one side at 500-kV and the other at 230-kV. The 500-kV circuit would tap an unused circuit of the Maple Valley-Echo Lake double-circuit 500-kV transmission line. New double-circuit towers, about 175 ft. tall, would support both circuits. The new transmission lines would be built on existing rights-of-way.

We have added another meeting on **Wednesday, June 12**, near Alternative A so that people who may be impacted by the line can share their concerns and ideas regarding the analysis. The meetings are on:

#### **Wednesday, June 5**

4 p.m. – 8 p.m.  
Seattle Center  
305 Harrison St.  
Rainier Room, North of the Key Arena  
Seattle, WA

#### **Thursday, June 6**

4 p.m. – 8 p.m.  
Mt. Si Senior Center  
411 Main Avenue South  
Multi Purpose Room  
North Bend, WA

#### **Saturday, June 8**

11 a.m. – 3 p.m.  
Black Diamond Community Center  
31605 3rd Avenue NE (State Route 169)  
Main Hall  
Black Diamond, WA

#### **Wednesday, June 12**

4 p.m. – 8 p.m.  
Tahoma Senior High School  
18200 SE 240th Street  
The Commons (Gymnasium)  
Kent, WA

#### **Thursday, June 13**

4 p.m. – 8 p.m.  
Maple Valley Community Center  
22010 SE 248th St.  
Main Hall  
Maple Valley, WA

We encourage you to attend one of these meetings, and/or submit comments during the scoping period, which ends June 19. BPA will use these comments to focus the analysis of the SDEIS, which will be available for a 45-day public review and comment period beginning in December 2002. If you would like to receive a copy, please return the enclosed postcard and check whether you would like to receive it by regular or electronic mail. If you do not return the postcard, you will still receive notice when the study is available.

You can use the enclosed form to submit comments if you like. Mail comments to: Communications; Bonneville Power Administration - KC-7; P.O. Box 12999; Portland, Oregon 97212. You may also e-mail comments to the BPA electronically at: [comment@bpa.gov](mailto:comment@bpa.gov), or fax your comments to 503-230-3285.

**For More Information**

If you need more information or want to submit comments, please call (360) 418-8445 or 1-800-282-3713. You can access the June 2001, DEIS and additional project information at the project Web site at [www.efw.bpa.gov/cgi-bin/PSA/NEPA/SUMMARIES/KangleyEchoLake](http://www.efw.bpa.gov/cgi-bin/PSA/NEPA/SUMMARIES/KangleyEchoLake). Thank you for your continued interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Lou Driessen,  
Project Manager

Enclosures:  
Project fact sheet  
Map of all alternatives  
Map of Alternatives A & C  
Postcard  
Comment Form